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## Cable Highlights

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### VENEZUELA: CODEL'S MEETINGS WITH CHAVEZ, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- (U) President Chavez told Senator Chafee and Representatives Ballenger and Delahunt that the USG attitude towards April 11-14 events had encouraged those plotting against him. The USG should show its support for the GOV. Chavez said the GOV lacked an organized, loyal opposition, and the country was on the brink of civil war. Asked how the Codel could help, Chavez responded he wanted to meet with President Bush. (*Caracas 1153*)
- (U) [redacted] described plans for two commissions to investigate the killings between April 11-13 and [redacted] account of the attempt to depose Chavez. Opposition deputies focused on the concentration of power with Chavez and his lack of dialogue with other societal sectors. Congressman Delahunt suggested the U.S. begin an Interparliamentary conference with Venezuela to be held in the U.S. (*Caracas 1167*)

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### RUSSIA: ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT IMPACTS SUMMIT DELIVERABLES

(C) [redacted] said a growth of anti-American sentiment would increase Russian demands for Bush-Putin summit deliverables, including verification provisions for strategic offensive reductions, parameters for the development of missile defense, a moratorium on further NATO expansion, and economic deliverables such as support for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. (*Moscow 5260*)

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### MEXICO: OVERVIEW OF CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

(C) The IMF recently revised upward its growth projection for Mexico to 1.7% this year and 4.9% in 2003, citing sound fiscal and monetary policies, higher oil prices, and further integration with the U.S. Long-term growth would be dependent upon structural reforms including fiscal, energy, telecommunications, labor and education.

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